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have become to her of greater practical importance. Thus two years ago the German Government made an arrangement with the Chinese Government by which the German missions in China should henceforth be placed under the protection of the German Empire. This resolution has been formally communicated to the French Government. The Catholic Bishop, Anzer, who is now in Berlin, and all his missionaries in the vicariate of South Shantung, have placed themselves under the protection of Mr. Von Brandt, our Minister at Peking, and the German Government has sanctioned this step." Upon this the *Chinese Times* remarks that the coincidence in time between the declaration of Cardinal Lavigerie and the visit of Bishop Anzer to Berlin enables us to divine pretty accurately the nature of the negotiations which eventually in the new combination, and to see the connection of the Papal decision as regards the Chinese missions with the new policy in Europe.

It is that connection which gives a solid character to the new departure. The protection which Roman Catholic missionaries will henceforth receive from their respective Governments will, we believe, prove much more than that accorded under the French protectorate, which had become soft and powerless, while on the other hand the fact that the missions can no longer be used as a means for the aggrandisement of political influence by France will remove a cause of offence to China and thereby contribute to the success of the work carried on so indefatigably by the self-denying missionaries.

One thing is to be hoped, however, namely that the missionaries will carefully abstain from arrogating rights never intended to be conferred by the treaties and carefully avoid trenching on the civil rights or coming between their converts and the local authorities. Some of the missionaries have not been wholly blameless in this matter in former years, we are assured, and in some cases, probably misled by their converts, have interfered in matters that they should have left alone. But no doubt experience has taught them somewhat since, and they will, we hope, duly impress upon their protégés the necessity and duty of rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's.

In our advertisement column to-day will be found the announcement of the new session of the College of Medicine for China. We are glad to see that this institution, about whose permanence we entertained some misgivings at the time of its formation, is still carrying on its useful work. In a short time the College will send out its first batch of graduates, who in the natural course of things will exercise an active influence in cultivating the appreciation of Western medical science among the Chinese. It is to the Medical College, too, that we must look for the much-needed supply of qualified native officers to assist in carrying out the work of the Sanitary Department and in securing a correct record of the causes of the deaths registered instead of the present unreliable and comparatively valueless classification. In this connection we note with pleasure that a course of lectures on public hygiene is to be given by Mr. Buck McCallum, the indefatigable Secretary of the Sanitary Board. The lectures are not to be delivered only to the students of the College, but are to be open at a moderate fee to all comers. Mr. McCallum's thorough acquaintance with his subject is a guarantee that the lectures will be practical and useful, and we have no doubt they will also be made interesting. It is to be hoped that the opportunity of attending them will be largely availed of.

H.H.M.'s steam cruiser *Djigit* arrived at Shanghai on the 10th inst. and will probably remain there for some time.

The Chinese cruisers *Chengpan*, *Chingyue*, *Chien*, *King-tse*, *Loyting*, and *Tsingye* left here yesterday for Foochow.

The Bangkok *Times* hears that Government is busy framing a Consulate for Siam, on the same scale, more or less, as the Indian Consul, and that it will come into force almost immediately.

The little *Portuguese* Consul at Bangkok has, it is stated, at last been amicably settled and the gentleman will in future be admitted to practice.

No credit is given to Mr. Michael and the English Consul General at Bangkok, as the Chinese Government has, it is said, determined to give him a decent position.

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